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Information Disclosure Statement

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Dear Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Below are comments on these references pursuant to Rule 98:

U.S. Patent No. 847, 254 to Jackson discloses a portfolio of preferably a soft pliable material, such as will not scratch or mar the finest tableware and in forming two or more series of pockets or compartments with the openings or apertures of one series opposite those of the other series, wherein said series

of pockets or compartments being arranged parallel to each other and the pockets or compartments themselves being located parallel with one another, the longitudinal space between the two series of pockets being of such a dimension as to allow for the folding of one series of pockets over and upon the other.

U.S. Patent No. 36, 710 to Hamlin discloses an improvement in physicians' prescription-cases, consisting of three wings and a middle portion, each provided with pockets.

U.S. Patent No. 1,495,220 to Carroll discloses an utility bag comprising a double walled flexible panel, the rear wall having a placket near its lower end and its front wall having a slit near its upper end, said front member having arranged on its outer face a plurality of article receiving pockets, some of said pockets being fulled and fullness in their upper edge secured by a binding tape.

U.S. Patent 1,509,930 to Charsky discloses a fitted lunch kit in which may be carried not only food and beverages, but a service consisting of the necessary table ware.

U.S. Patent 1,679,101 to Sternthal discloses a silverware container capable of being folded up into a compact form and capable when spread out, of displaying the articles of silverware arrange therein.

U.S. Patent 1,939,497 to Herring discloses a tarnish-proof container for storing and racking of tableware in a relation

where chemical with which the case is treated may neutralize the sulfide and or sulphur dioxide content in air.

U.S. Patent 2,038,319 to Stanley discloses a toilet or traveling case with interior arrangements of mounting means or receptacles for removably holding a set of toilet articles or various traveling accessories.

U.S. Patent 2,167,926 to Glasker discloses a traveling kit comprising a top, a bottom, one edge of each of which is connected to opposite sides of a back strip in such a manner as to permit, when open, the top, back strip and the bottom to lie flat upon a supporting surface.

U.S. Patent 2,205,205 to King discloses a case for toilet accessories consisting of a body portion which is provided with hinge or fold lines, wherein resides intermediate swingable members and coaching articles holding straps.

U.S. Patent 2,679,877 to Leggett discloses a foldable carrier consisting of a plurality of individual pockets adapted to receive the various items and capable of to fold to a compact, portable form.

U.S. Patent 3,777,862 to Zipper discloses a traveling bag consisting of two flaps each stitched along one of its edges to a large rectangular sheet of fabric.

U.S. Patent 4,738,547 to Brown discloses a carrying bag formed of a plurality of panels adapted to be folded over each

other and to be thus fastened together to facilitate carrying of the bag and its contents.

U.S. Patent 5,002,401 to Blackman discloses an article holder and carrier includes a box-like container having fabric walls reinforced with soft, shock-absorbing material and adapted to disconnect along an edge between two walls and around three edges of a base panel to unfold to a flat position.

U.S. Patent 5,918,711 to Godshaw discloses a travel and storage bag having two side sections releasably fastened to an intermediate center section to form the bag into a travel bag, wherein the unfastening the side sections form of the center section having pockets and compartments.

U.S. Patent 6,523,653 to Roegner discloses a portable multi-pocket organizer for a carrying case having a primary shell of pliable material formed of a pair of primary half shells connected together for hinging along a common side and forming a primary receptacle, a multi-pocket assembly of pliable material that removably stores within the carrying case.

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0029770 to McKinnon discloses food preparation kits and organizing systems having a case for containing combination of spices and/or utensils and cooking accessories, wherein a case may take the

form of a book including front and back covers connected by a spine portion.

U.K. Patent 1,249,975 to Devaney discloses a transparent wallet for holding and displaying information cards or sheets comprising a flexible backing sheet and a plurality of transparent flexible backing sheet and a plurality of transparent flexible front strips or pieces.

German Patent DE4100055 to Dekanovsky discloses a storage and transport container for traveling, consisting of bag divided up into compartments and cover attached to it.

Three pages of Chef Cutlery Carrying Cases, computer screen dated on April 7, 2003, at Gourmet Gallery online catalog, which is owned and operated by Widerview Inc.

None of the above items discloses a carrying case for transporting chef's knives to a professional kitchen also functions as a work platform for using the knives in the kitchen when the device stands on its two planar legs when legs are sufficiently separated to balance the device, wherein the legs join together at a spine from which a handle projects outward, wherein multiple pockets situated in a left and right planar leg of the device are angled so that the chef can single-handedly



grab the handle of a knife and put it back, wherein the device stands on its legs so that the edge of the legs forms a triangle with an edge of the surface the device rest on.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on March 24, 2004, inconnection with patent application no. 10/429,111 for CHEFS' KNIVES CARRYING CASE AND WORKING PLATFORM, I deposited: (i) 6 pages of **Information Disclosure Statement** (ii) form PTO-1449 (iii) copies of prior art references (iv) this Certificate of Mailing and (v) an Acknowledgement postcard

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